

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG.NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Daniel S. Denise House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 486 Denise Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert S. Smith ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☒ (fdn.) c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☒ (wood, in gable ends) g. stucco ☐
other: Asphalt roof shingles. Rock-faced concrete block foundation at front porch.
Conc. block foundations at rear additions.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"Here we are with one of those representative buildings. This one is a Queen Anne, which has modern jalousies in the porches. It has the ubiquitous combination of windows, but, basically, it's not changed very much. There is nice detail on the gables. Other, than that, there's not too much decorative trim. I would say this is a 'green plus.' P.Malo

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| a. none known [X] | b. zoning [] | c. roads [] |
| d. developers [] | e. deterioration [] | |
| f. other: _____ | | |

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| a. barn [X] | b. carriage house [] | c. garage [X] |
| d. privy [] | e. shed [X] (3) | f. greenhouse [] |
| g. shop [] | h. gardens [] | |
| i. landscape features: _____ | | |
| j. other: _____ | | |

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| a. open land [] | b. woodland [] |
| c. scattered buildings [] | |
| d. densely built-up [X] | e. commercial [X] |
| f. industrial [] | g. residential [X] |
| h. other: _____ | |

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1890

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Residential

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The front, southeast porch appears to be an early-1900s addition. This porch has a rock-faced concrete block foundation. The second story may be a later addition. The porch has been enclosed with modern jalousie windows.

One-story, gable-roofed, frame addition (post World War II?) with plain concrete block foundation at the rear, northeast side of house.

One-story, shed-roofed, frame addition (post World War II?) with plain concrete block foundation at the rear, northwest side of the house.

Two new windows added at rear elevation of house.

Modern overhead garage door added on east elevation of barn and on south elevation of garage.

17. The Daniel S. Denise House is situated on a knoll on the north side of Denise Road in the northeast quadrant of the town. The lot size is approximately .78/acre. A driveway is east of the house. Located north of the house is a contributing gambrel-roofed barn (c. 1900), a contributing hipped roof garage (early- 20th-century), a contributing shed-roofed outbuilding, and two small, non-contributing gable-roofed metal storage sheds. The property has some mature deciduous trees. The neighborhood consists primarily of early-twentieth-century houses. A modern, commercial "mini-mart" building is across the street to the southeast.

18. Two and one-half story, cross-gabled, frame house with clapboard siding and a stone foundation. A front-gabled, two and one-half story bay projects from the center of the front elevation. Of special note in this bay are the decorative panels with stickwork (vertical and horizontal boards, diagonal tongue-and-groove, and diagonal clapboards) beneath the first floor windows and in the gable end, brackets with carved fan designs, and decorative fishscale shingles also in the gable end. Most of the original windows are intact consisting of one-over-one, double-hung wood sash. The front, southeast porch may date from the early 1900s based on its rock-faced concrete block foundation. The second floor of the porch may be a later addition. Jalousie windows have been added. The front door is wood paneled with glazing in the upper half.

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The gable ends on the east and west elevations have decorative stick and shingle designs similar to the front gable.

A one-story, gable-roofed addition and a one-story, shed-roofed addition extend from the back of the house.

The contributing gambrel-roofed, frame barn with novelty siding is behind the house to the north. The south elevation of the barn has multipaned wood windows and a loft door constructed of vertical tongue-and-groove boards. An open, shed-roofed wing projects from the north elevation of the barn. The contributing wood-shingled frame garage, northeast of the house, is square in plan. The contributing shed, north of garage, has a shed roof and horizontal board siding.

20. Built c. 1890, this house is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as an example of vernacular Queen Anne residential architecture. The house retains a high level of integrity of design, materials, and craftsmanship. Removal of the modern jalousie porch windows would further enhance the architectural integrity of the house. The historic outbuildings - barn, garage, and shed - add to the period integrity of the setting. This house is also historically important for its association with Greece's Denise family, for which Denise Road is named.

The steeply pitched, cross-gabled roof, projecting front bay, asymmetrical floor plan, and decorative woodwork (stickwork, fishscale shingles, and carved brackets) are characteristic of the Queen Anne style. This was the dominant style of domestic building during the period of 1880 to about 1910.

The house was built for the Daniel S. Denise family about 1890. While a house was on or near this site as early as 1858 (per county map), it does not appear to be the same house as the present one unless it underwent extensive remodelling into the Queen Anne style in the late nineteenth century.

This house and a total of 52 acres on both the north and south sides of "Clinton Avenue," later named Denise Road, appear on the 1902 map under the name of "Danl. S. Denise." Denise was born in Freehold, New Jersey on November 25, 1822. His parents moved to West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., when he was two years

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old. In 1834 they moved to Macedon where Daniel attended the Macedon Academy. In 1844 he returned to New Jersey and taught school for one year, and upon his return to Wayne Co. he worked as a clerk at a dry goods store in Palmyra for 2-1/2 years. In 1848 he went to Michigan and one year later married Caroline Chapin, of Adrain Michigan. They returned to the area in 1850. The Denise's had five children: Julian E., Edgar A., William H., Daniel S., Jr., who died at three years of age, and Albert L. Daniel S. Denise was a trustee of the school in Charlotte for 18 years. The family's ancestry is Dutch, English and Welsh. Daniel Denise's two older brothers were general merchants in the village of Charlotte under the name of the Denise Bros., formed in 1879.

Albert L. Denise and his wife, Adelaide Davis of Canada, continued to live in the house in the 1930s. The 1932 and 1938 suburban directories list Albert L. Denise as the owner. Other Denise family members, including Frank L. and William, lived here as well. William Denise sold the property to Gretchen Howe in 1988. Howe conveyed the property to its current owner, Robert S. Smith, in 1992.

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